

TRAVELER'S BRIEFING



UGANDA

(Republic of Uganda)



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**DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
OF THE CONGO**

KENYA

UGANDA

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BACKGROUND

Full Name: Republic of Uganda

Capital: Kampala

Population: 22,804,973 (est)

Type of government: Republic

Head of government: President Lt. Gen. Yoweri Museveni

Official language(s) English, Luganda, Swahili

Economy: Capitalist/agriculture based

Religions: Catholic (33%), Protestant (33%); Indigenous (18%), Islam (16%)

TRAVEL

Travel restrictions: Kotido, Moroto, Apac, Lira, Gulu, Kitgum, Kisoro, Rukungiri, Kasese, Moyo, Arua, Nebbi, Adjumani, Bundibugyi, and Kabarole.

International Airport: Kampala

Flights from Frankfurt: None

Other methods of arrival: Road/Rail

**U.S. Embassy address: 10-12 Parliament Avenue in Kampala.
Tel: 256-41-259-791 FAX: 256-41-232-966**

Transportation: Public transportation: Poor.

Urban Roads/Maintenance: Poor.

Rural roads/Maintenance: Poor.

Availability of roadside assistance: Poor. Bandit activity in some areas is both frequent and unpredictable. Accidents are common and often fatal. Highway travel at night is particularly dangerous.

ENTRY/EXIT

Travel Necessities: Military personnel on leave do not require clearance or advance notice, but do require identification credentials. Military personnel on leave require passport and visa. US citizens are encouraged to register with the Amembassy in Kampala upon arrival and to obtain the most up-to-date information about conditions in the country. There is a \$20 US departure tax payable in cash at Entebbe airport. A passport and visa are required. For official travel, no-fee passports are required.

Customs, immigration, and quarantine inspection is required. A reasonable amount of tobacco and/or tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, and perfume may be exported. A special permit is required to export game trophies. Evidence of immunization for cholera and typhoid is often

Duty-free entry for personal effects: Passengers 17 and over, except for those returning from visits to Kenya and Tanzania, may import 200 cigarettes or 0.5 pound of tobacco or a combination of a 0.5 pound of tobacco products; 0.25 gallon of spirits; 1 liter of perfume; 1 liter of aftershave; 1 liter of

HELPFUL HINTS

Special restrictions: Tourism facilities are adequate in Kampala, the capital, but are limited in other areas. Photography in tourist locations is permitted. It is inadvisable to take pictures of military/police installations or personnel. Military and police officers have also detained personnel for taking photographs of Entebbe Airport and the area around Owen Falls Dam. Certain installations and buildings in Uganda are regarded as sensitive for security reasons and persons venturing near them are subject to harassment and possible detention. These include, but are not limited to, military installations, roads adjacent to them, and the president's residences. Such areas are frequently not barricaded or even marked and it is easy for persons not familiar with the area to inadvertently enter them.

Amembassy operating hours are Mon-Thur: 0730L-1645L, Fri: 0730L-1230L.

MONEY

Currency restrictions: Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda local currencies may be carried between these countries up to the equivalent of five United Kingdom pounds. Local currency may not be exported or imported.



Rate: Approximate: for \$1.

HEALTH

Major threats: diarrhea, respiratory diseases, accidents, malaria, arthropod-borne diseases, schistosomiasis, STDs,

Availability of medical services: Poor. Medical facilities in Uganda, including Kampala are extremely limited and not equipped to handle most emergencies, especially those

Medical Insurance: May not apply in Uganda. Check with your policy advisor to see if you are covered or will be reimbursed.

Status of hospitals: Poor

Health Precautions: Severe malaria risk exists (including chloroquine-resistant *P. falciparum*) throughout the country below 1,800 meters. Uganda is considered a cholera-infected area.

Immunizations: Hep A (recommended), Hep B, MMR, yellow fever, meningococcal vaccine, typhoid, influenza, and TD.

FORCE PROTECTION

Country Clearance is needed for high-ranking officers traveling to Uganda. You obtain this by going through your S3/G3 section. This must be done at least 30 days ahead of

Briefings: AT/FP level I brief from command's Level II trainer

U.S. citizens living in or planning to visit Uganda should be aware of threats to their safety from insurgent groups, originating both within and outside of Uganda, particularly in northern and western Uganda. They have at times specifically targeted U.S. citizens. These groups have engaged in murder, armed attacks, kidnapping and the placement of land mines. In March 1999, one of these groups murdered eight foreign nationals, including two U.S. citizens. Incidents occur at random with little or no warning. Ongoing hostilities between the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DROC) and rebels in that country could prompt military attacks in Uganda, a supporter of the rebels in the DROC. Also, several incidents of banditry and armed robbery have occurred in the northern and western districts of Uganda. U.S. citizens in

CRIME

Criminal Activities: Incidents of armed vehicle hijackings and armed highway robbery are frequent throughout the country. Although these attacks are often violent, victims are generally injured only if they resist. In October 1998, U.S. Embassy employees were advised against using back roads at night in Kampala after a series of incidents on secondary roads in which vehicles were fired upon without warning or provocation. Females traveling alone are particularly susceptible to crime, as an American woman was murdered in 1998 in a four-star Kampala hotel. Several violent attacks occurred in Kampala and other parts of the country in 1998. Crimes such as pickpocketing, purse snatching and thefts from parked vehicles or vehicles stalled in traffic jams are common. These offenses also occur on public transportation. Passengers should not accept food or drink from a stranger, even a child, as such food may contain narcotics used to

Uganda is strict on: Drugs and firearms.

abroad of a U.S. passport should be reported immediately to local police and to the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate

WEATHER

<http://cnn.com/WEATHER/html>

<Http://www.weatherunderground.com/>



CLOTHING

Uniform restrictions: None.



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